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# FABIAN SOCIETY, LONDON

## (65th) ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending 31st March, 1948

### GENERAL

#### INTRODUCTION

During the year 1947-48 the Fabian Society, like the British Government, found itself faced with an economic problem, both of money and of manpower, whose severity had not been anticipated. The last Annual Report showed a serious deficit over the year's working, and this deficit, instead of falling, continued to rise as prices and the cost of research generally increased. The Executive Committee was extremely unwilling to cut activity, if it could in any way be avoided, at a time when so much was being expected of the Society; it therefore attempted to bridge the gap, first, in the summer, by a drive to get members to recruit among their friends. This produced only 123 new members, while at the same time there was apparent a tendency for the members recruited in 1945 and 1946, after the election victory, to drop away. Among pre-election membership the loss was less; it may therefore be conjectured that, like other organisations, we received an influx of new members who expected to get through the Fabian Society something which it could not provide; in any event, the net result was not an adequate increase. Accordingly, in November a Special Meeting agreed to a drastic increase in the rates of subscription, which had remained unchanged since before the war; but, although it is too soon to see the exact effect of this, it appeared when making up a provisional budget, that the revenue may only be slightly increased, though running costs will decline if the number of members goes down. Meantime, a Revenue Campaign Council, consisting mainly of delegates appointed by Local Societies in Greater London, has been at work upon schemes for raising money to dispose of the overdraft, none of which have yet had time to come to fruition, overheads have been cut and various special appeals made to Local Societies and elsewhere, some of which have brought in money and others may yet.

All this, however, finally proved insufficient to close the gap, and the Executive Committee has therefore with great regret, had to reduce staff in the Colonial Bureau, Home Research and Central Office Departments, with consequential reduction in the amount of work done, which will be felt in the coming year. The Executive Committee wishes to express its deep gratitude to the Staff for their co-operation in this very distasteful process, and its conviction that an increase in salaries is a first priority for the employment of any new money obtained; and further to render thanks to the members of the Revenue Campaign Council and officers of Local Societies for their efforts towards money-raising. As will be seen from the following pages, the year has been one of full work for all Departments of the Society, and if the example of the money-raisers were followed by others, the reduction of staff and activity would not be for long. As it is, however, we must regretfully record that the last few years have been a period of over-optimistic expansion of activity in all directions, which has now turned out to be too much for the resources to sustain; and the Annual General Meeting must face the facts.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Previous figures for Associate Members were inaccurate, and for purposes of comparison between 1948 and 1947 the figures for Full and Associate members should be added together.

## MEMBERSHIP FIGURES AT 31 MARCH

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES AT 31 MARCH						<i>Net Change</i>	
			1948	1947	<i>Gains 1947-48</i>	<i>Losses 1947-48</i>	1947-48
Full Members	..	..	3641	3373	607	1079	- 472
Associates	..	..	384	1124			
Students—Members	..	..	141	178	75	97	- 22
Associates	..	..	15				
			4181	4675	682	1176	- 494
British Fabian Societies	..	..	131	126	15	10	+ 5
Fabian Societies Overseas	..	..	7	5	3	1	+ 2
D L Ps, T Us, Co-ops, etc.			95	104	9	18	- 9
Libraries and Miscellaneous Subscribing Bodies		..	78	63	17	2	+ 15
			311	298	44	31	+ 13
Paid up Membership of British Local Societies excluding National Members	..	..	3933	3427	(Figures not available)		+ 506
Colonial Bureau	..	..	434	501	128	195	- 67
International Bureau	..	..	244	339	31	116	- 85

## HEAD OFFICE

## OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE

Members elected (in the order of the ballot): Margaret Cole, H. J. Laski, A. Skeffington, M P, Lord Faringdon, J. Parker, M P, M. Young, N. Barou, H. D. Hughes, M P, E. F. M. Durbin, M P, D. P. T. Jay, M P, J. Strachey, M P,\* W. A. Robson,\* A. Lewis,\* B. Monck.

Members co-opted: M. Abrams, J. Callaghan, M P, J. Diamond, M P, L. Gossman, J. C. Gray,\*\* W. A. Flanders, F. Horrabin, Eirene Jones,\*\*\* Margaret Room, R. M. M. Stewart, M P,\* L. Woolf.

\* Resigned during the year.

\*\* Resigned on going abroad and was co-opted again on return.

\*\*\* Became Mrs Eirene White.

Officers: The E.C. re-elected H. J. Laski Chairman, J. Parker, M P, Vice-Chairman, and Margaret Cole Honorary Secretary. I. Mikardo, M P, was elected Honorary Treasurer at the Annual Ballot.

Committees: Members of Committees appointed by the E.C. are listed in Appendix 'A'.

## STAFF

We were sorry to lose the services of H. W. Bardsley, who had been Accountant for five years, and Stuart Scott, Chief Clerk. Roy Harris was appointed Accountant and Jeffery Turnell promoted Chief Clerk. Graham Martin has returned from the Navy to fill his old place as Manager of the Bookshop. There have been other changes among the clerical and junior workers, leaving us with a total staff at 31 March, 1948, of 24 full-time and 3 part-time workers.

## DELEGATES, ETC.

A. W. Filson at Labour Party Annual Conference.

A. Skeffington, M P, on London Labour Party Executive Committee.

Mrs L'Estrange Malone on Standing Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations.

## MEMBERS' MEETINGS

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 64th Annual General Meeting was held in the Conway Hall on 28 June, 1947, with some 180 members present. The Annual Report, the Accounts and a Statement of the Society's Research Programme were adopted. Thanks were accorded to the Auditors, Messrs Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus and Co., who were re-appointed. The following Resolution on the aims of the Society was passed:—

"This Annual General Meeting endorses the following statement of the aims of the Society.

"The principle aim of the Fabian Society should be to influence, stimulate, and instruct the vanguard of the Socialist movement rather than to engage directly in mass activities. For this purpose the rôle of the Society is primarily to conduct research, to assemble and interpret significant facts, to serve as a forum of discussion at a relatively advanced level, to maintain a continuous intellectual initiative in the formation of constructive policies, and generally to act as a radiating centre for new ideas. The development of cadres in the Labour movement is an important aspect of this objective. The dissemination of ideas emerging from the parent Society's work among a wider public can be carried out to a considerable extent through the local Fabian Societies.

"While the Society can usefully devote a limited amount of attention to writing memoranda for Labour Ministers and Members of Parliament, it should take care not to become absorbed with current affairs of immediate practical importance to the detriment of questions of future importance. The Society should resist the tendency to disperse its resources by attempting to cover too wide a field, and should concentrate on problems of major significance. The Society should welcome financial aid for its work from outside bodies or persons, but its work is unlikely to reach a high standard unless the subjects of investigation are chosen primarily with a view to the interests of the members taking part in them."

## MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN MEETING, ETC.

On 27 September, 1947, a meeting of Society members was held in the Central Hall, Westminster to discuss plans for the Autumn Membership Campaign. Some 40 members were present. A full report was printed in the November *Fabian News*.

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

On 22 November, 1947, a Special General Meeting, attended by 48 members, passed the following Resolution submitted by the Executive Committee:—

"Resolution: That existing Rule 11 be deleted and the following new Rule 11 substituted:

"Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means. The minimum annual subscription for members of the Society and for all subscribing bodies and associates shall be 20/-. A subscription of 20/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of *Fabian News*, *Fabian Quarterly*, and all pamphlets priced 6d. or less issued by the Society, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. A subscription of 30/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of the above periodicals and all pamphlets priced 1/- or less, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. A subscription of 50/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of the above periodicals and all pamphlets priced 2/- or less, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. A subscription of 60/- shall in addition make the subscriber a member of the Colonial and International Bureaux, receiving all publications to which Bureau members are entitled. Student members of the W.E.A. and N.C.L.C., members of Labour Party Youth organisations, undergraduates and other full-time students, and members of the ranks of H.M. Forces, shall be allowed to become members for a period of up to three years from the date of their first joining for an annual subscription of 10/-, for which they shall receive the above periodicals and such a limited number of pamphlets as the Executive Committee shall decide. The Executive Committee shall have power to strike off the books any member who, after notice, fails to pay his subscription."

The new Rule 11 operated in respect of all subscriptions falling due on or after 1 January, 1948.

A full report of the Meeting was printed in the January *Fabian News*.

## SCHOOLS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

### SUMMER SCHOOLS

At *Dartington* there were two weeks, both of which were full. L. J. Callaghan, M P, and Mrs Dorothy Archibald acted as Directors, Miss Doreen Price and Miss Lyndal Evans as Manageresses. The lecturers included:—M. Abrams, A. J. Champion, M P, Lord Faringdon, A. W. Filson, C. E. M. Joad, C. P. G. Smith, M P, B. Stross, M P, S. Taylor, M P, Professor Brinley Thomas and M. Young.

At *Fresham Heights* there were three weeks, the first two being nearly full and the third 70 per cent full. H. Jenkins, Miss Margaret Yates and Miss Margaret Room acted as Directors, Zena Parker and S. Scott as Manageresses. The lecturers included:—N. Barou, G. Bing, M P, F. Chappell, Mrs M. I. Cole, C. A. R. Crosland, Emil Davies, J. Diamond, M P, E. Durbin, M P, M. Edelman, M P, H. T. N. Gaitskell, M P, J. C. Gray, I. Mikardo, M P, Miss M. Nicholson, J. Parker, M P, A. Skeffington, M P.

In *Denmark* a fortnight's Summer School of 60 persons was held at Hindsgavl, Middlefart on Funen, with a two-day stay in Copenhagen. H. D. Hughes, M P, was Director and Mrs Elizabeth Thomas Manageress. The lecturers included:—Alsing Andersen (Danish M P), Juul Andersen (Danish Co-operator), J. Barents (official of Dutch Social Democrat Party), T. Broch (Norwegian M P), A. J. Champion, M P, H. Hansen (Danish M P), Professor Schiller (Hamburg University) and Nils Thedin (Swedish Co-operator).

### NEW YEAR AND EASTER SCHOOLS

The New Year's School was held at *Pasture Wood*, near Dorking, Surrey, on "Education". The 80 places were all filled. The speakers were Dr Enid Appieby, F. Bray, H. D. Hughes, M P, Lady Simon of Wythenshawe, and A. L. M. Stephens.

The Easter School was also held at *Pasture Wood*. There were 200 applicants for the 100 places. The subject was "The Economics of the Transition to Socialism" and the speakers were Dr N. Barou, D. W. T. Bruce, M P, F. Chappell, I. Mikardo, M P, B. T. Parkin, M P, Dudley Seers and Woodrow Wyatt, M P.

### WEEK-END CONFERENCES

Week-end Conferences were held at the Beatrice Webb House, *Pasture Wood*, near Dorking, Surrey, on "A Brighter Britain" (December 1947) and "The New Approach to Empire Problems" (January 1948). Both were filled to capacity.

Week-end Conferences, limited to about 30 invited guests, were held at *Buscot Park* by the courtesy of Lord Faringdon on "The Transfer of Power in Colonial Territories" (May 1947), "American-Soviet Relations" (June 1947), "Regional Organisation of Local Societies" (October 1947), "The Industrial Future of Great Britain" (November 1947), "International Economic Organisation" (December 1947), "The Machinery of Government" (January 1948) and "British Government Public Relations Abroad" (February 1948).

### AUTUMN LECTURES

These were held at the Conway Hall under the general title of "Road to Recovery". The programme was:—Douglas Jay, M P, "Plans and Priorities", Geoffrey Bing, M P, "Parliament and the People", Harold Wilson, M P, "Paying Our Way Abroad", Ian Mikardo, M P, "Incentives in Industry", R. H. S. Crossman, M P, "Foreign Affairs and Home Prosperity" and Harold J. Laski "Efficiency of Government". An average of 331 tickets was sold for each lecture.

### MEETINGS

The Colonial Bureau arranged eight meetings and the International Bureau arranged three meetings and a one-day Conference: details of these are given in the Bureau sections of this Report.

The Tea Reception at the 1947 Labour Party Annual Conference was addressed by Sir Stafford Cripps, then President of the Board of Trade. 230 people were present.

Three 'Fabian versus Tory Debates' were held in January, February and March 1948:—"Can There Be Freedom Without Socialism?" M. Foot, M P, versus C. Hollis, M P; "Would A Tory Government Fail?" L. Hale, M P, versus Brigadier A. R. W. Low, C B, D S O, M P; "Is There A Better Food Policy Now?" F. F. Peart, M P, versus Lt.-Col. the Hon. J. H. Hare, D S O, M P. An average of 170 tickets was sold for each debate.

Five dances were held during the year.

## WOMEN'S GROUP

The Group's Annual General Meeting was addressed by Margaret Herbison, M P, on "The Work of a Back Bencher" and the following Discussion Meetings have been held during the year: "Part-Time Work for Women: Problems and Possibilities" (R. L. Webster), "Industrial and Social Problems of Germany" (Margaret Stewart), "Food" (Charles Smith, M P).

## PUBLICATIONS

The following pamphlets, booklets and books have been published during the year:—

### Pamphlets

#### *Colonial Controversy Series :*

- 4 *Kenya Controversy Symposium* 6d

#### *Research Series :*

- 118 *Secondary Education for All* by Joan Thompson 1/-  
 119 *America's Colonial Record* by J. Collier 1/-  
 120 *Universities and the Future* by Quintus 1/-  
 121 *Foreign Policy* by Leonard Woolf and W. N. Ewer 2/-  
 122 *Labour Movements in Latin America* by Robert J. Alexander 1/6  
 123 *Lords and Commons* by F. M. Hardie and R. S. W. Pollard 2/-

#### *Socialism Today and Tomorrow Series :*

- 2 *Trade Unions in a Labour Britain* by J. B. Jefferys 6d  
 3 *Towards a Classless Society* by H. D. Hughes, M P 6d  
 4 *What is a Socialised Industry?* by Michael Young 6d

#### *Tracts :*

- 190 *Metropolitan Borough Councils* by J. E. MacColl (revision) 6d  
 258 *The Fabian Society Past and Present* by G. D. H. Cole (revision) 6d

### Booklets

- Czechoslovakia : A Study in Reconstruction* by J. Callaghan, M P, S. Grant-Duff, H. D. Hughes, M P, C. Johnson, J. Parker, M P, Michael Young 2/6  
*The Reform of the Higher Civil Service* Group 2/6

### Books

- Co-operative Movement in Labour Britain* N. Barou (editor) 7/6

### Journals

- Fabian Quarterly* (four issues) 1/- each  
*Empire* (twelve issues) 6d each  
*Fabian News* (eleven issues) 2d each

## BOOKSHOP

Sales have increased considerably during the past year particularly in the Christmas and Spring quarters. Total sales amounted to £3,424 compared with £3,092 the previous year. Rather less than a third of these were Fabian Publications. After considerable changes of staff Graham Martin has now returned from the Forces to take over his old post as Bookshop Manager.

## VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE

We are grateful to the following members and others who have helped us during the year with typing and general assistance either at their homes or in the office and with reports of conferences: Daphne Barnes, Eva Brooks, Kathleen Cox, R. W. Dallas, Betty Evans, H. R. George, Hilda Habgood, Lilian Hennion, Meg Herron, Margaret Hine, Ethel Hobson, Lily Hogg, A. Holzer, Glynis Jones, Betty Minister, Ruth Pelle, E. L. Roussett, Hildegard Smith, Kathleen Smythe, Kathleen Stornell, Frances Turnell, Esther Wells and T. Williams.

## OBITUARY

Following the death of Sidney Webb the Special General Meeting of 22 November, 1947, agreed to the following resolution:

"This Special Meeting of the Fabian Society places on record the debt it owes to Sidney Webb, one of the outstanding exponents of Fabian Socialism, who

rendered supreme service to the Socialist cause throughout the democratic world. It pledges itself to honour his memory by developing the ideas he himself did so much to initiate."

The Labour Party arranged a Memorial Meeting in Kingsway Hall when the Chairman of the Society was one of the speakers.

We also learnt with great regret of the deaths of Susan Lawrence, who had served on the Executive Committee and had for many years been a leading member of the Society, and of Lord Sankey, Chairman of the Sankey Coal Commission, who had been a member of the Society for many years.

Appreciations of Sidney Webb and Susan Lawrence appeared in the *Fabian News* and the *Fabian Quarterly*.

## HOME RESEARCH

### GENERAL

The Department's main work is done through three Research Committees—the Economic and Industrial Committee (*Chairman*, E. F. M. Durbin, M P), the Political and Local Government Committee (*Chairman*, Professor W. A. Robson), and the Social Research Committee (*Chairman*, H. D. Hughes, M P). The last-named was set up in June to co-ordinate the increasing amount of work being done in this field. The Department also serves the Publications Committee (*Chairman*, J. Parker, M P) which handles all books and pamphlets approved for publication.

In addition the Department has continued to answer questions from members and others. In most cases, owing to pressure of work, it has proved possible only to suggest the best sources for the information required.

The filing of the Membership Questionnaires has been re-organised during the year, with a view to making it easier to find members who are qualified to help the Society on special subjects.

The Department remains in charge of the library and keeps files of various journals.

### PUBLICATIONS

During the year the Department has published the following pamphlets: *Secondary Education for All* (Joan Thompson), *Trade Unions in a Labour Britain* (J. B. Jefferys), *Reform of the Higher Civil Service* (Group), *Metropolitan Borough Councils* (J. E. MacColl), *Universities and the Future* ("Quintus"), *What is a Socialised Industry?* (M. Young) and *Lords and Commons* (H. R. G. Greaves, H. J. Laski and R. S. W. Pollard). *Metropolitan Borough Councils* is a radical revision of the well-known older pamphlet on the subject.

The Department has also sent to the press a revised third edition of *Social Security* (Ed. Professor Robson), a new edition of *Fabian Essays in Socialism* containing a new chapter by Bernard Shaw, and *The Road to Recovery* (Fabian Autumn Lectures, 1947).

The regular work of preparing and publishing *Fabian Quarterly* has continued. Recent articles have dealt with Industrial Relations, Housing, The Reform of Local Government, Bulk Purchase, The United Nations, Films and Foreign Policy.

The Department has collaborated most successfully with the Association of Supervisory Staffs, Executives and Technicians in the production of a pamphlet on *Management by Consent*.

### CONFERENCES

Conferences have been held at Buscot Park on *Britain's Industrial Future* (November, 1947; speakers: Professor J. D. Bernal, F R S, Professor S. J. Davies, E. F. M. Durbin, M P, Professor T. H. Marshall, Professor M. Postan, Dr R. L. M. Syngé, Sir Robert Watson-Watt, F R S) and *The Machinery of Government* (January, 1948; speakers: D. N. Chester, Ernest Davies, M P, E. F. M. Durbin, M P, Bosworth Monck, Professor W. A. Robson, Barnet Stross, M P).

The Department also prepared the programme of the conference on *A Brighter Britain* (December, 1947; speakers: Arthur Blenkinsop, M P, Mary C. Glasgow, Anthony Greenwood, M P, H. D. Hughes, M P, Carol Johnson, Charles Madge, A. T. S. McGhie, Tom Stephenson, Joan Thompson, L C C).

## COLONIAL BUREAU

The year 1947 saw events of great importance in the Imperial sphere, with the achievement of independence by India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon; the first steps towards the federation of the West Indies; and the launching of large-scale plans for economic development. In the light of these spectacular advances, a certain re-orientation was necessary in the Bureau's work. We still try to keep a vigilant eye on the details of administration wherever this is still in British hands, and to press continuously for further reforms. But at the same time a new function opens up—the forging of links of understanding with the progressive forces in the newly-independent territories or in those advancing towards self-government. This has involved the Bureau in the organisation of many more meetings and conferences than formerly, and a great deal of time has been spent by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary in meeting friends from the Colonies and addressing meetings.

## PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

*Empire*, the twelve-page journal of the Bureau, has been appearing regularly each month. Its circulation is now about 2,500, and it is widely quoted, particularly abroad.

Two pamphlets were published during the year. One—in the Controversy Series—was *Kenya Controversy*, putting the points of view of each of the communities in Kenya. The second, *America's Colonial Record*, was in the Research Series and written by John Collier, President of the Institute of Ethnic Affairs in Washington. The book on *Local Government and the Colonies* was completed and negotiations are now taking place with publishers.

## POLITICAL ACTION

Parliamentary work has continued as before. Close contact has been maintained with Members of Parliament specialising in colonial affairs, with the Colonies Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party and with the Imperial Advisory Committee of the Labour Party. The subjects to which the Bureau has drawn the attention of Parliament are numerous and cover a very broad field.

Communication with Government Departments—some dozens of letters have been sent to the Colonial Office on different subjects during the year—continued. Subjects dealt with included reforms to the Nigerian Constitution, the implementation of the mining policy, consumers' co-operation, conditions in Kenya, Fourah Bay College, the University of Hong Kong, conditions among railway workers in Mauritius. A deputation from the Bureau met the head of the Africa Department of the Colonial Office to discuss education in Kenya.

## CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Two week-end Conferences were held, the first in May 1947 on *The Transfer of Power in the Colonies* at Buscot Park, 30 attending; the second at Pasture Wood, in January 1948, on *The New Approach to Empire Problems*, which was addressed by: Aidan Crawley, M P, Professor S. Frankel, Daw Saw Yin, P. L. U. Cross, Dr Wellesley Cole and Dr Audrey Richards. The attendance was 100.

A tea meeting on *Burma Today* was held in June 1947 (Speaker: D. R. Rees-Williams, M P; 50 tickets sold).

A series of meetings was held at Caxton Hall (September 1947—March 1948) with an average sale of 100 tickets per meeting. The subjects were:—*That this House supports the Colonial Policy of the Labour Government* (Speakers: Ivor Thomas, M P, and F. J. Erroll, M P); *That Non-African Settlers in East Africa should be induced to emigrate, leaving the country for the Native inhabitants* (Speakers: Leonard Barnes and Leo Silberman); *Independence for West Africa Now?* (Speakers: R. Sorensen, M P, and Dr S. Segal, M P); *That this Government should introduce legislation in Britain and in the Colonies declaring Colour discrimination illegal* (Speakers: D. N. Pritt, M P, and F. Skinnard, M P); *Why have we not yet conquered illiteracy in the Colonies?* (Speakers: Rev R. W. Stopford and Rev R. R. Young); *British Policy and Colonial Reactions* (Speakers: Lord Faringdon, F. A. Ogunshye, J. M. Ojal and Dr David Pitt).

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND MEMBERSHIP

Three members of the Advisory Committee—Dr Arthur Lewis, Dr Wellesley Cole, Lord Faringdon, and the Secretary of the Bureau, Dr Rita Hinden, have been appointed as members of the new Colonial Development Council.

The special membership of the Bureau—which stood at 500 at the end of March 1947 has fallen to about 450, apparently as a result of the steep increase in the subscription which became necessary during the year. There are in addition some 1,200 members of the Fabian Society who are also members of the Colonial Bureau.

### INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

In accordance with the decision reported in last year's annual report, the Bureau has concentrated on research in international subjects of special interest to the Labour Movement. It was felt, however, that more meetings and conferences should be organised than had been possible in the past due to shortage of staff. In August 1947 Mildred Bamford offered to undertake responsibility for this side of the work voluntarily, and her offer was accepted with gratitude.

### RESEARCH

The following pamphlets have been published during the year:—*Czechoslovakia: Six Studies in Reconstruction* (Group); *Foreign Policy: the Labour Party's Dilemma* by Leonard Woolf, with a critical comment by W. N. Ewer; and *Labour Movements in Latin America* by R. J. Alexander.

### CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, SCHOOLS AND RECEPTIONS

*American-Soviet Relations*: A Conference was held at Buscot Park in June 1947 (Speakers: A. J. P. Taylor, Arthur Newell, Anne Whyte, S. Rolbant, Doreen Warriner and W. N. Ewer, with Lord Faringdon in the Chair).

*International Economic Organisation*: A Conference was held at Buscot Park in December 1947 (Speakers: R. G. Hawtrey, T. Balogh, R. Grierson, K. Mandelbaum, Beatrice Lawrence and M. Edelman, M P).

*School for Polish Socialists*: Twelve members of the Polish Socialist Party (P P S) spent a fortnight here in July to study the achievements and intentions of the British Labour Government. The first week was spent at Buscot Park by kind invitation of Lord Faringdon, where a comprehensive programme of lectures was arranged, and the second week in London, where visits were made to the House of Commons, County Hall, etc. It was hoped that this School would be the first of a series held for continental Socialist parties, but various difficulties have prevented the Austrian and Hungarian Socialist Parties, to whom invitations were sent during the year, from accepting. Meetings have been held on *Germany* (Professor Friedman, A. Bramall, M P, M. Edelman, M P; 61 tickets sold); *Towards European Reconstruction in Germany, Poland, Austria and Hungary* (H. N. Brailsford, Kingsley Martin, Doreen Warriner and R. H. S. Crossman, M P; 169 tickets sold); *Foreign Policy: the Labour Party's Dilemma* (a discussion on Leonard Woolf's pamphlet with R. H. S. Crossman, M P, A. M. Crawley, M P, K. Zilliacus, M P, and Harold Laski (Chairman); 445 tickets sold); and *Germany* again (Austen Albu; 62 tickets sold).

A Reception for the delegates to the March meeting of the Committee of International Socialist Conferences was held, and 51 guests were received by the Rt Hon Hector McNeil, M P, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

### EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PRESS GROUP

A group of about fifteen representatives of the European Socialist Press, with a combined circulation of over six millions, was formed in August 1947. The purpose of the Group is to obtain background information by discussion with experts, and to form a closer liaison with the British Labour Movement and British Socialist Journals. Discussions have been held on the Colonies, the Dollar Crisis, Transport, and a week-end conference on the British Government's Public Relations was held at Buscot Park in February. Regular weekly meetings take place with Socialist Journalist M Ps.

### INDIAN AFFAIRS GROUP

The Indian Affairs Group was disbanded in June 1947, and its members were invited to join the International Bureau. Three meetings were held in conjunction with the Indian Affairs Group of the Parliamentary Labour Party. The speakers were Sudhir Ghosh, Public Relations Officer of the Government of India, on "Current Indian Affairs", and "The Division of India", and Achyut Patwardhan,

Joint Secretary of the Socialist Party of India, on "The Prospects of Socialism in India".

## MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION RATES

The minimum subscription was increased on 1 January, 1948, from 7/6 to 15/–, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee that all subscriptions should be raised to meet higher costs. The result of this increase has been a sharp drop in the membership of the Bureau. There are now 244 members, compared with 339 last year. In addition, there are 1200 members of the main Society who have opted to belong to the Bureau.

## LOCAL SOCIETIES AND SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE

### REGIONAL ORGANISATION

The year has seen a further strengthening of Regional and Area organisation. At the beginning of 1947 there were six Regional Committees, in Scotland, Yorkshire, South Wales, West Midlands, Northern England, and Lancashire and Cheshire, and an Area Committee had been formed for Hampshire and Dorset. Early in the year a London Regional Committee was formed, and an Area Committee for Middlesex. The former Bath Area Committee was revived in May and was later expanded to cover the whole South West Region. The L.S.C also arranged meetings which led to the formation of Area Committees in Kent, Essex and Surrey. The newer Committees are at present in the initial stages; some time is required for the firm establishment of a Regional or Area Committee.

In October 1947 a delegate Conference was held at Buscot Park for the purpose of bringing together representatives of all the Regions and Areas to discuss the work and organisation of local societies. The four sessions were taken by Stephen Swinger, M.P., James Johnson (West Midlands Regional Secretary), Gwyneth Morgan (South Wales Regional Secretary), and Mary Stewart (City of London Secretary); Arthur Skeffington, M.P., was Director. Every Regional and Area Committee was represented and there were delegates from 24 societies as well. The Conference was extremely successful, particularly in encouraging Regional officers to regard themselves as members of a national team of organisers. The Committee hopes to arrange annually, in October, a similar delegate conference on a national basis.

Our thanks are due to the Regional and Area officials for their hard and conscientious work, often in the face of much difficulty and discouragement. For example, the Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Regional Committee has made a point of keeping in close contact with all the societies in the Region by personal visits.

### STATISTICS

The total number of societies at the time of going to press is 131, compared with 126 last year. 15 societies have actually been formed during the year, but ten have ceased to hold meetings. In seven cases meetings may be resumed at a later date; three societies have combined with neighbouring groups for the time being. Ten societies are in course of formation. (See p. 2 of Annual Report for details.)

The individual membership upon which affiliation fees have been paid up to March of this year is 3,932, compared with 3,427 last year, but this does not include national members who are also local society members.

### FINANCIAL APPEALS

Early in the year the Local Societies Committee made an appeal to secretaries of local societies for financial assistance, and in December a further special appeal was made, this time for assistance in clearing the overdraft of the national society. Local societies have made a most generous response to these appeals and a total of £214 1s 9d has already been received, plus £27 7s 0d which has been carried forward to 1948–49. Definite promises of help can be expected to bring this total to over £300, and it should be emphasised that it is no mean achievement to have raised or contracted to raise such an amount, when most societies have their own financial difficulties.

## ACTIVITIES

Regional and Area Committees have concentrated on day schools and week-end conferences. The main activity of the individual societies has been their meetings, of which some 180 are held each month. Several societies have held Brains Trusts and some have provided this service for other organisations. Others have arranged Conferences, many of them designed to interest Trade Unionists in the work of the Society.

An increasing amount of interest has been shown in research work to help the local Labour Movement and there is considerable scope for expansion in this field. We need more people in various parts of the country, who would be prepared to advise and guide. At present the most successful continuing work has been done in South Wales, where Walter Birmingham, a lecturer at the University, has been acting as Research Secretary.

## WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

The department has produced two Speakers' Panels, one of M Ps, which has been sent to Regional and Area Secretaries, and one of local speakers, which has been sent to all secretaries of local societies. These have proved to be very helpful and Regions have now started to build up their own lists of suitable speakers. In addition, numerous meetings have been arranged for outside organisations, and the department has provided an average of 300 speakers during the year. Several Directives to local societies have also been issued.

The L.S.C has given much consideration to the problem of effecting closer liaison between national members and local societies, and a scheme has now been put into operation which it is hoped will establish and maintain contact in every case.

## HELP GIVEN BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the Local Societies Committee have been very generous in the time they have given to visiting local societies. We should like to thank all these and all officers connected with local societies for their co-operation and helpfulness.

## CONCLUSION

This record is one of successful and interesting work, tempered, however, by the cold facts of the financial position set out in the opening paragraphs. It is inescapably true that, partly owing to rising costs and partly to the increasing burdens both in money and in time borne by those who make up the potential membership of the Society and its personnel paid and unpaid—under a Labour Government the demands made by socialised industry and other Government services upon people of a Fabian type are extremely heavy—last year's scale of activities cannot be maintained.

At the same time, the need for Socialist thought, Socialist fact-finding and the training of Socialist leaders is as clamant as ever it was—more so, indeed, since the experience of three years of power has both thrown up problems previously unsuspected and disclosed dangerous gaps in Socialist thinking. This situation throws a heavy responsibility upon the Fabian Society, upon its officers, its local Societies, and its membership at large. But if the coat of our work is to be cut according to the actual cloth and the nagging uncertainty about finance with its evil effects removed, the Society must make up its mind where its efforts should be concentrated and translate into specific terms the general resolution passed last year and quoted above. Opportunity for full discussion will be given at the Annual General Meeting; here we are only concerned to draw members' attention to the problem and the need for a realistic solution of it, if the effectiveness and influence of the Society is to be maintained.

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## REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER.

Reference has been made in the Executive Report to the Society's financial situation and the steps which have been taken during the past year to deal with it. These measures have been, and are being, pursued vigorously, but the process of bringing the Society back to a sound financial position must be undertaken gradually (within the limit of the reserves available) if retrenchment is to be achieved without serious permanent damage to the Society's structure and its activities. It is this gradualness which accounts for our having operated, with set purpose, at a loss during the last financial year, and which may even induce us to operate at a loss again (though a much smaller one) during the current year.

A new system of budgetary control which has been instituted for the current year is designed to ensure that the Society's programme of work can be kept closely and continuously under review in relation to its income and expenditure. This has necessitated changes in the form of presenting the accounts, which were in any case due for revision for other reasons. One effect of this to which I wish to draw attention is that the value of free issues to members has been separated out from the bookshop account so that the latter will now show its real gross profit or loss.

My own share of this task has been greatly lightened by invaluable assistance given to me, in the reorganisation of the Society's accounting and administrative methods, by L. A. Gossman of the Executive Committee and the Society's new accountant, Roy Harris.

11th May, 1948.

IAN MIKARDO.

## BALANCE SHEET AS

LIABILITIES					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1947	BERNARD SHAW FUND	..	..	..				2,500	0	0
2,500	EDWARDS BEQUEST FUND	..	..	..				1,000	0	0
1,000	STAFF SAVINGS RESERVE	..	..	..				494	0	1
662	SCHOLARSHIP FUND	..	..	..				18	19	0
11	L.S.C. DEVELOPMENT FUND	..	..	..				38	0	7
—	WOMEN'S GROUP FUND	..	..	..				31	10	2
—	SUNDRY CREDITORS :									
975	Trade	..	..	..	856	16	5			
259	For Expenses Accrued	..	..	..	254	13	9			
1,259	Bank Overdraft	..	..	..	2,339	15	3			
—	Sundries	..	..	..	161	1	2			
								3,612	6	7

## AT 31st MARCH, 1948

ASSETS					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1947										
2,500	FREEHOLD PROPERTY	..	..	..				2,500	0	0
1,652	INVESTMENTS ..	..	..	..				749	9	7
125	FURNITURE ..	..	..	..				125	0	0
100	LIBRARY ..	..	..	..				85	0	0
	STOCKS IN HAND :									
738	Tracts, etc.	..	..	..	1,254	5	5			
200	Stationery ..	..	..	..	200	0	0			
								1,454	5	5
	SUNDRY DEBTORS :									
148	Trade ..	..	..	..	134	3	2			
506	Bookshop ..	..	..	..	320	6	3			
287	Sundries ..	..	..	..	440	11	6			
—	Functions ..	..	..	..	454	5	6			
					1,349	6	5			
	Less balances in hand on uncompleted Functions ..	..	..	..	300	19	0			
								1,048	7	5
183	CASH IN HAND ..	..	..	..				110	14	2
	REVENUE ACCOUNT :									
227	Balance at 1st April, 1947 ..	..	..	..	227	15	2			
	Add Excess Expenditure over Income for year ..	..	..	..	1,394	4	8			
								1,621	19	10
								£7,694	16	5

£6,666

£7,694 16 5

31st March, 1948, with the books and vouchers. We have obtained all the information forth is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the us and as shown by the Society's books.

39, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.

4th May, 1948.

## AT 31st MARCH, 1948

RECEIPTS					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1947										
6,502	By Subscriptions ..	..	..	..				6,189	18	2
3,529	„ DONATIONS :									
	Special ..	..	..	..	950	0	0			
	General ..	..	..	..	2,070	17	10			
	D.S.T. ..	..	..	..	1,280	0	0			
	L.S.C. ..	..	..	..	215	11	9			
								4,516	9	7
	„ Royalties ..	..	..	..				255	1	9
	„ Advertising ..	..	..	..				63	13	2
328	„ Bookshop ..	..	..	..				330	14	1
458	„ Functions ..	..	..	..				987	19	6
	„ OTHER RECEIPTS :									
	Interest on Investments ..	..	..	..	16	4	9			
	Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	32	1	4			
								48	6	1
500	„ Property Reserve Account ..	..	..	..						
367	„ Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ..	..	..	..				1,394	4	8

£11,684

£13,786 7 0

## APPENDIX A

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